

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 0808

DEPARTMENT FOR CU/NEA AND NEA/INS

E.O. 11652 GDS  
TAGS: SNAR SCUL NP  
SUBJ: POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN HASISH TRAFFICKING  
BY FULBRIGHT GRANTEE

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM DEA HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON WHICH IMPLICATES A FULBRIGHT GRANTEE, SURENDRA BAHADUR SHRESTHA, IN HASISH SMUGGLING. SHRESTHA HAS BEEN STUDYING AT UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SINCE 1973 UNDER IIE GRANT. ACCORDING TO DEA SHRESTHA MAY BE INVOLVED IN CASE IN WHICH LARGE AMOUNT OF HASISH WAS SMUGGLED TO U.S. FROM NEPAL (DEA FILE NO. CJ-76-0028 JOHN DOE AKA BOB LESTER). SHRESTHA IS KNOWN TO HAVE MADE TELEPHONE CALLS TO A SUBSTANTIAL DEALER IN MARIJUANA IN THE MIDDLE WEST AND IS ALSO KNOWN TO HAVE HAD BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH THE LEADING SUSPECT IN THE CASE.

2. AT THIS POINT THERE IS APPARENTLY INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO ARREST AND/OR DEPORT SHRESTHA. WE WANT, HOWEVER, TO BRING THIS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION AND SUGGEST THAT APPROPRIATE OFFICERS DISCUSS WITH DEA SUBSTANCE OF CASE AGAINST SHRESTHA. EMBASSY WOULD FAVOR CANCELLATION OF GRANT IF SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE EXISTS OF SHRESTHA'S INVOLVEMENT IN DRUG TRAFFICKING.

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